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TO : Chief, FBIS

DATE: 10 November 1964

FROM : Chief, German Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Progress Report -- October 1964

I. OPERATIONS

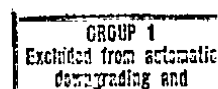
A. Monitorial

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2. A total of 47 still pictures from GDR television coverage of the Rostock naval review in connection with the 15th anniversary of the GDR, and from an Intersvision relay of the Moscow reception for the three Voskhod cosmonauts showing the reviewing stand line-up of new Soviet leaders following the overthrow of Khrushchev, were forwarded to headquarters. The bureau is now using a clock at the bottom of the TV screen in conjunction with the sourceline. In order to light the face of the clock for photographing, a special housing unit, which keeps extraneous light off of the TV screen, was fabricated by the bureau technician.
3. At the first indication of imminent high-level changes in the Soviet hierarchy on the evening of 15 October, an open watch was initiated on the East Berlin domestic service and on selected West German stations. The latter reported several "rumors" involving key figures such as Brezhnev and Adzhubey which the bureau filed protectively. After TASS and ADN announcements had made Khrushchev's fall official, comment by West German radio observers followed in a matter of hours, and an FYI rounding up this initial comment was filed, in addition to a report citing official Bonn reaction. The Friday night Stockholm international service programs in German and English, not on regular bureau coverage, were added, providing both press comment and statements by

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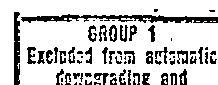
Scandinavian leaders concerning the Kremlin reshuffle and the Chinese nuclear explosion. In addition, a special review of the West German press was processed and filed on Saturday morning, 17 October, to supplement initial comment in the regular weekday press review.

4. Unscheduled monitoring during the report period totaled 18 hours, including special audio coverage from East Berlin TV of an Intervention relay of the live Moscow press conference given by the three Voskhod cosmonauts on 21 October.

B. Editorial

1. The system for procedures to be followed in covering certain East German events of unusual importance, such as major Ulbricht and other leader speeches, party or government meetings, and anniversary celebrations, was formalized in new bureau instructions to monitors and editors. Designed to achieve maximum speed and accuracy, the system essentially provides for recording of the broadcast in both short three- to five-minute portions for speedier handling by the entire monitor shift, and in regular full-belt portions to be used for checking by a monitor supervisor. One monitor supervisor is also designated to provide flash FYI's on developments of special importance for use by the FBIS Wire.
2. Following headquarters approval of a bureau proposal, the format of the daily FYI sent to London Bureau and headquarters indicating what items were to be processed by German Bureau from NEUES DEUTSCHLAND was altered to include a complete listing of all significant items in the paper, each entry followed by a notation of bureau processing plans. In general, the new format obviates the former need to send separate FYI's to report such things as NEUES DEUTSCHLAND reprints of articles from PRAVDA and other bloc newspapers.
3. At the end of the month, a chart was devised on which the bureau will maintain an up-to-date graphic record of East German press treatment of certain key indicators, such as Ulbricht pronouncements, the Sino-Soviet polemic and the scheduled preparatory meeting of world communist parties, the collective leadership principle, and Soviet policies and leaders. Along these lines, special FYI's filed during the month included a follow-up on the dearth of direct East German comment regarding the Kremlin changes and a report on Pankow treatment of the CPR anniversary.

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C. Communications

After a poor showing at the beginning of the month, the new full duplex Frankfurt-London circuit exhibited marked improvement which continued through the rest of the month, so that the bureau was able to recommend that from its point of view the old circuit from Frankfurt to London could be cancelled.

D. Lateral Services

1. The following addressee was added to the list of subscribers to the bureau's WEEKLY REPORT ON THE EAST GERMAN PRESS, on the basis of a request submitted through the Liaison & Requirements Staff: EE/G/IIS, 3D5307 Headquarters.
2. With the assistance of Lt. Col. Stoak, liaison officer of the 513th MI Group at Camp King, the bureau borrowed from the Army Procurement Center in Frankfurt a tape recorder with a speed of 7.5 inches per second with which it met a request from Liaison & Requirements Staff for a complete high-fidelity tape recording of the 2-hour GDR anniversary speech by Walter Ulbricht on 6 October.

E. Technical

1. To reduce the chances of wind damage to bureau antennas, the lead-in wires of the 49-meter and 42-meter doublets, hitherto made of 75-ohm twinlead, were replaced by RGU/11 Coax. The old center insulators were replaced by Barker & Williamson CC-51 Coaxial Cable Connectors.
2. A standard 19" Rack with 72" Panel Space, Type MT-453 A/F, obtained from 3189 Signal Company on 14 October, is currently being prepared by the bureau technician for use with the new teletype equipment.

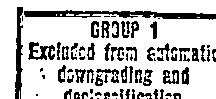
II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

[redacted] teletype operator, resigned effective 31 October. Her replacement, [redacted] has shown substantial progress in all phases of wireroom operations during her training period.


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III. VISITS

 Chief, Administrative Staff,
FBIS, visited the bureau from 8 through 14 October.

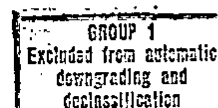
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Attachments:

1. Monthly Classified Personnel Report
2. Monthly Foreign Personnel Report
3. Operations Attachment

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OPERATIONS ATTACHMENT

- A. Weekly hours of broadcasts monitored totaled 80.
- B. Additional, unscheduled monitoring during the month totaled 18 hours.
- C. The bureau filed a total of 283,230 words to headquarters, of which 33,790 words were nonpublishable.
- D. Austrian Bureau outbound traffic totaling 389,400 words was relayed by the German Bureau.
- E. The bureau filed or relayed 310,920 words of FBIS material to 50X1
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- F. Unauthorized outage on the Frankfurt-London circuit totaled 51 hours 11 min.
- G. The WEEKLY REPORT ON THE EAST GERMAN PRESS total wordage was 110,600.
- H. As part of RPB's coding project for selected communist publications, 11 code cards were mailed to headquarters.

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